

**A SPECIAL REPORT BY  
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## **HOW'D WE DO?**

**FAMILIES DESERVE  
MORE DETAILS ON  
COVID VACCINATION  
RATES AT DELAWARE  
LONG-TERM CARE  
FACILITIES**





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**Dear fellow Delawareans,**

In previous reports, I examined the state's attentiveness to transparency in data reporting as well as the clarity of crisis communication as they pertained to the containment of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities (LTCFs). While the state has received and administered vaccines to 78% of the population, I continue my diligent work of ensuring the transparency of COVID-19 data provided to the public.

Delaware has put emphasis on providing the public with LTCF case and testing information and should follow-up on vaccine data. Doing so would allow the state to provide data transparency to the public and further allow the government to identify data trends that may be helpful in addressing the pandemic from a policy perspective.

This special report compares the metrics of Delaware's dashboard to other states' dashboards, and identifies key data metrics that should be considered for inclusion on Delaware's data dashboard as they pertain to vaccine administration in LTCFs. A review of Delaware's data dashboard revealed a lack of LTCF data such as total doses administered to residents, total residents partially vaccinated, and total residents fully vaccinated. Delaware's dashboard does include vaccine dosages administered to the 65+ population, but this data is not specific to LTCF residents. By including the key LTCF data metrics recommended in this special report, Delaware has the opportunity to be more transparent on vaccine data, which will allow a better understanding of associated community risks.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy McGuiness".

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# OBSERVATION & RECOMMENDATION

The state dashboard does not contain these key metrics on COVID-19 vaccinations in long-term care facilities (LTCF), which may serve the public interest

1 Total vaccines delivered to LTCF

2 Total vaccinations administered to residents & staff per LTCF

3 Total LTCF residents fully vaccinated (stratified by race, color, ethnicity, etc.)

4 Total LTCF residents partially vaccinated (stratified by race, color, ethnicity, etc.)

5 Total doses administered to LTCF residents that have had COVID-19 (stratified by race, color, ethnicity, etc.)

6 Total doses administered to LTCF residents who have not had COVID-19 (stratified by race, color, ethnicity, etc.)

7 Number of LTCF residents with adverse reactions

The state should consider elevating their data transparency through expanding COVID-19 vaccination metrics on long-term care facilities, given the attention they have received during the pandemic.



# STATE DASHBOARD COMPARISON



	Dosage Allocated to State	Total Vaccines Administered	Administration by Facility Type	Vaccination Demographics	Long-term Care Facility Staff Vaccinations	Long-term Care Facility Resident Vaccinations
DELAWARE	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
NEW YORK	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
MARYLAND	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
VIRGINIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
PENNSYLVANIA	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
NEW JERSEY	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗

Our office reviewed the dashboards of neighboring states, and found that amongst these dashboards, there were several key metrics that Delaware did not include on its dashboard. We found that these metrics were useful in monitoring vaccinations in LTCFs and should be considered for inclusion.

## LEGEND

- Dosages Allocated (delivered to the state)
- Total Vaccines Administered (a count to all ages)
- Administration by Facility Type (hospitals, local health departments, medical practices, pharmacies, other community health providers)
- Vaccination Demographics (race, color, ethnicity, etc.)
- Hospital & Long-term Care Worker Vaccinations (% of workers with completed vaccine series)
- Federal Long-term Care Facility vaccinations (vaccine data reported on the CDC Federal Long-term Care Facility Program Tracker).

